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Electronic Proof of Insurance System

Overall goal:	To facilitate and increase the efficiency of processing of motor carrier liability forms.
Technical approach:	An electronic form has been developed to replace the paper form used for filing motor carrier liability coverage forms. Insurance companies can now submit either the paper or the electronic form, which is based on the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) standard.
Current status:	Project has been deployed.
Location / geographic scope:	The system is being tested throughout Minnesota and may be expanded to include other insurance agencies and other states.
Agencies involved:	Great West Casualty Insurance, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the ATA Foundation.
Cost information:	No precise costs are currently available on the cost of developing the system. The cost to an agency that wants to begin using the electronic form includes the cost of programming the mapping and a transaction charge.
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Have goals been achieved?	As of 2001, the results of the operational test have not yet been received.
Solution timeline:	The operational test commenced in December, 1996 with one insurance company participating. Mn/DOT is actively pursuing other insurance companies to join the project.



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